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In re application of:

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OHMIC CONTACT PLUG HAVING AN
IMPROVED CRACK FREE TiN BARRIER
METAL IN A CONTACT HOLE AND METHOD
OF FORMING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 7, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 12, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.